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TO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

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FOR AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: POL, FRASER, KOREA, EAGLEBURGER, CONGRESS, KISSINGER

SUBJECT: FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE REQUEST TO INTERVIEW
AMBASSADOR

1. FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATING KOREAN/AMERICAN
RELATIONS HAS REQUESTED AN INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR
EAGLEBURGER IN BELGRADE ON AUGUST 20. COMMITTEE IS
APPARENTLY INTERESTED IN AMBASSADOR'S KNOWLEDGE OF
VARIOUS MATTERS WHICH MAY HAVE COME TO SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S ATTENTION AFTER HE BECAME SECRETARY AND IN
HIS EARLIER ROLE AS NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED COMMITTEE STAFF THAT FOR MOST OF
THE YEARS IN QUESTION, AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER WAS NOT
WORKING DIRECTLY WITH KISSINGER. WE HAVE ALSO INFORMED
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THEM THAT PREVIOUS INTERVIEW WITH ETHICS COMMITTEE
COVERING MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THE TOPICS FRASER STAFF
WILL PRESUMABLY BE INTERESTED IN SEEMED TO INDICATE
THAT AMBASSADOR HAD LITTLE OR NO KNOWLEDGE OF MATTERS
OF INTEREST AND WE INVITED FRASER'S STAFF TO CONFIRM
THIS WITH ETHICS COMMITTEE. STAFF IS NEVERTHELESS
INSISTENT ON SPEAKING TO AMBASSADOR DIRECTLY.

3. STAFF HAVE SECURITY CLEARANCES AND WE HAVE THE

ASSURANCE OF FRASER HIMSELF THAT ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR ITS OFFICERS WILL BE TREATED ON AN APPROPRIATE, CLASSIFIED BASIS. AMBASSADOR SHOULD ACCORDINGLY FEEL FREE TO ANSWER COMMITTEE QUESTIONS. IF MATTERS DISCUSSED WITH ETHICS COMMITTEE COME UP AGAIN, THEY SHOULD BE DISCUSSED ON THE SAME BASIS AS THEY WERE WITH THE ETHICS COMMITTEE. IF OTHER ISSUES ARISE THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAS ANY RELUCTANCE TO DISCUSS, HE SHOULD DEFER RESPONDING, AND INDICATE THAT HE WILL REFER THE MATTER TO THE DEPARTMENT AND RESPOND IN WRITING AFTER RECEIVING THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE.

4. AMBASSADOR SHOULD EXPECT TO BE CONTACTED BY COMMITTEE STAFF, PROBABLY STAFF DIRECTOR ROBERT BOETTCHER OR CHIEF INVESTIGATOR MICHAEL HERSHMAN, ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 20. TIMING AND DURATION OF MEETING SHOULD OBVIOUSLY BE AT THE AMBASSADOR'S CONVENIENCE.

5. IF THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S REQUEST CREATES ANY PROBLEMS, PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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